

REGION 6 STATUS UPDATE

TOPIC: Denka Performance Elastomer (Denka) and former owner E.I. DuPont de Nemours (DuPont),
Neoprene Manufacturing Facility, LaPlace, Louisiana

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PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED: Case Update

BACKGROUND:

Denka owns and operates a neoprene manufacturing facility (the only neoprene production facility in the U.S.) at the Pontchartrain Works site in Laplace, Louisiana (the "Facility"). Denka acquired the Facility from DuPont on November 1, 2015. On December 17, 2015, EPA released the results of the 2011 National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA). These results indicated the highest modeled cancer risks in the country were associated with an area in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, attributable to chloroprene emissions from Denka's Facility (the cancer risks are 800-in-1 million at the census tract level, 1,400-in-1 million at the block level).

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